

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a National Stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) of International Application No. PCT/US00/11416 having an International Filing Date of April 28, 2000, ~~which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/302,239, filed on April 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,693,075, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/955,636, filed on October 23, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,015,700.~~

